Scholarship to Minority Communities

383. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students from various minority communities benefited of various scholarship schemes aided by the Centre; and

(b) the details of thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) and (b) Community-wise and State-wise information on Pre-matric Scholarship, Post-matric Scholarship and Merit-cum-means based Scholarship is available at the website-www.minorityaffairs.gov.in. of the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

Illiteracy among the Muslim women

384. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that percentage of illiteracy rate is very high among the Muslim women in the country specially in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government is taking to improve this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) and (b) 50.1% is the Muslim female literacy rate against national female literacy rate of 53.7% as per 2001 census. It has been estimated from 2001 census that the Muslim female literacy rate in rural areas is 43% against total national rural literacy rate of 46% in rural areas.

(c) The Ministry of Minority Affairs has three scholarship schemes and has earmarked 30% of scholarships for female students from the minority communities which include Muslims. Maulana Azad Education Foundation also gives scholarships to female students from minority communities, including Muslims. studying in class XI and XII.

Skill development and leadership training to minority women

385. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government is going to launch a scheme to provide skill development and leadership training to women belonging to minority community exhibiting entrepreneurial skill;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme;

(c) how much money has been sanctioned for implementation of this scheme; and

(d) what skills would be imparted under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A scheme for leadership development of minority women is under consideration for launching it during 2009-10. A budgetary provision of Rs. 8 crores has been provided for this scheme for 2009-10.

Scholarship to minority communities

386. SARDAR TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of students of minority communities given scholarship by the Ministry, minority community-wise;

(b) the figures of each community, State-wise;

(c) the number of minority students who have been given grant or scholarship for studies abroad, community-wise; and

(d) the number of applications pending with the Ministry, community-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) and (b) Community-wise and State-wise information on Pre-matric Scholarship, Post-matric Scholarship and Merit-cum-means based Scholarship is available at the website-www.minorityaffairs.gov.in-of the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

(c) and (d) Nil, Sir.

Development of minority concentration district

387. SHRI SABIR ALI:
SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB:
Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 90 districts have been selected in the country as minority concentration areas for overall development of minorities;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the benefit of the schemes is also being extended to people other than minorities also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of minority concentration districts (MCDs) and the scheme of Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) for minority concentration districts are available on the website www.minorityafairs. gov.in.